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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
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Shinichi KAWAMURA *et al.*) Group Art Unit: 2137
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Application No.: 09/377,064) Examiner: Matthew SMITHERS
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REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

In reply to the Final Office Action mailed on December 29, 2003 the period for response having been extended to June 29, 2004, by a request for extension of three months and fee payment filed concurrently herewith, Applicants offer the following remarks: